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EAST TIMOR: RELEASES OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

On 19 August 1987, the Indonesian Government announced the release of 24 political prisoners in East Timor as part of the annual remission procedure described in ASA 21/20/87 "Indonesia: Appeals for Release of Prisoners of Conscience and Commutation of Death Sentences." All are believed to have been convicted in Dili District Court of conspiracy to commit rebellion (Articles 106, 107, 108 and 110 of the Criminal Code) after trials which Amnesty International believes may not have met international standards for fairness, and most of the prisoners had served all but a few months of their sentences. The Jakarta Post (20 August 1987) reported that the 24 pledged an oath of loyalty to the Indonesian Government upon their release. The names of the released prisoners are given in Annex I.

The releases leave a total of 136 political detainees in Dili, the capital of East Timor. These include 63 prisoners in Becora Prison, including 11 women, and 73 in the Comarca (also known as Balide Prison). As of June 1987, 12 political prisoners were awaiting trial in the Comarca. The Comarca also houses 62 detainees from the military or Hansip, the civilian defense forces. The names of all tried political detainees are listed in Annex II.

According to Amnesty International's information, of the political prisoners currently detained in Dili, 38 were tried in 1986 and 15 in 1987 with the remainder having been tried in 1984-85. One person tried in 1986, Luis Maria Da Silva, received a 10-year sentence, and 12 other prisoners tried in 1986 or 1987 have received sentences of three years or more. Most of those tried recently, however, are serving terms of between one and two years.

ANNEX I

Political Prisoners Released in August 1987 in East Timor

FERNANDES Luis da Silva
Age: 29
Place of Origin: Santa Cruz, E. Dili
Trial Date: 10 July 1985
Sentence: 2 years 6 months
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 5 months

Name: FERREIRA Ananias Goncalves
Age: 25
Place of Origin: Doramata, Komoro
Trial Date: March 1985
Sentence: 2 years 6 months
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 1 month

Name: FRAGA Constantino
Age: 33
Place of Origin: Not known
Trial Date: 1986
Sentence: 1 year
Months remaining to be served at time of release: Not known

Name: FREITAS Cosme Andrade
Age: 43
Place of Origin: Baucau
Trial Date: November 1984
Sentence: 3 years
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 3 months

Name: NUNES Armindo
Age: 20
Place of Origin: Irifalai, Lautem
Trial Date: 1985, (arrested 4 May 1985)
Sentence: 1 year 10 months
Months remaining to be served at time of release: Not known

Name: PERREIRA Manuel
Age: 36
Place of Origin: Liquisa
Trial Date: July 1985
Sentence: 2 years 6 months
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 5 months

Name: PINTO Jose Garcia
Age: 35
Place of Origin: Lautem
Trial Date: July 1985
Sentence: 2 years 6 months
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 5 months

Name: DOS SANTOS Jorge
Age: 35
Place of Origin: Liquisa
Trial Date: October 1984
Sentence: 3 years

Months remaining to be served at time of release: 2 months

Name: DA SILVA Augusto
Age: The list of released prisoners made available to Amnesty International notes his year of birth as 1968 but information received at the time of his trial gave his age as 42
Place of Origin: Komoro, W. Dili
Trial Date: July 1985
Sentence: 2 years
Months remaining to be served at time of release: None

Name: XIMENES Joao Marques
Age: 32
Place of Origin: Bekora, E. Dili
Trial Date: January 1985
Sentence: 3 years
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 5 months

Name: XIMENES Marcal
Age: 47
Place of Origin: Laga
Trial Date: November 1984
Sentence: 3 years
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 3 months

Name: BAPTISTA Paulo
Age: 23
Place of Origin: Viqueque
Trial Date: November 1984
Sentence: 3 years
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 3 months

Name: CABRAL Cosme
Age: 35
Place of Origin: Baucau
Trial Date: November 1984
Sentence: 3 years
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 2 months

Name: CARVALHO Jose
Age: 28
Place of Origin: Komoro, W. Dili
Trial Date: November 1984
Sentence: 3 years
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 3 months

Name: DA COSTA Agustinho
Age: 34
Place of Origin: Not known
Trial Date: 1986
Sentence: 1 year
Months remaining to be served at time of release: Not known

Name: DA COSTA Alfredo
Age: 39
Place of Origin: Baucau
Trial Date: October 1984
Sentence: 3 years

Months remaining to be served at time of release: 2 months

Name: DE SA Raimundo
Age: 22
Place of Origin: Baucau
Trial Date: November 1984
Sentence: 3 years
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 3 months

Name: FRAGA Domingos
Age: 45
Place of Origin: Not known
Trial Date: 1986
Sentence: 1 year
Months remaining to be served at time of release: Not known

Name: FREITAS Francelino
Age: 26
Place of Origin: Not known
Trial Date: 1986
Sentence: 1 year
Months remaining to be served at time of release: Not known

Name: FREITAS Jacinto
Age: 67
Place of Origin: Lawa-tere, Baucau
Trial Date: January 1985
Sentence: 3 years 6 months (on list says 1 year)
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 11 months

Name: FREITAS Lourenco
Age: 25
Place of Origin: Not known
Trial Date: 1986
Sentence: 1 year
Months remaining to be served at time of release: Not known

Name: MARQUES Carlos de Jesus
Age: 23
Place of Origin: Not known
Trial Date: 1985
Sentence: 1 yr 10 mths
Months remaining to be served at time of release: Not known

Name: DOS SANTOS Americo
Age: 24
Place of Origin: Not known
Trial Date: Not known
Sentence: Not known
Months remaining to be served at time of release: Not known

Name: SOARES Tomas
Age: 25
Place of Origin: Viqueque
Trial Date: July 1985
Sentence: 2 years 4 months
Months remaining to be served at time of release: 3 months

ANNEX II

Political Prisoners in the Comarca and Becora Prisons as of August 1987

NOTE: The spellings are reproduced as they appeared on an Indonesian list.

	Name	Prison	Year Tried	Sentence
1	Luis Maria DA SILVA	Comarca	2/1986	10 years
2	Lamberto XIMENES	Comarca	1985	9 years
3	Felix XIMENES	Comarca	2/1986	6 years
4	ANTONI	Comarca	1985	5 years
5	Fransisco SIMOS	Comarca	1986	4 years
6	Antoni SOARES	Comarca	1986	4 years
7	Fernando DA COSTA SOARES	Comarca	1984	5 years
8	Leao MENDOSA	Comarca	1987	1 years
9	Florindo Da COSTA	Comarca	1987	2 years
10	Tito de ARAUJO	Comarca	1987	2 years
1	Vitol NORONHA	Comarca	1987	2 years
2	Dominggus XAVIER	Comarca	1987	2 years
3	Armando DOS SANTOS	Comarca	1986	2 years
4	Ernesto SOARES	Comarca	1986	2 years
5	Alfaro DOS SANTOS	Comarca	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
6	Ricardo FREITAS	Comarca	1986	3 years
7	Joao XAVIER	Comarca	1986	2 years
8	Baltasar MENDEZ	Comarca	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
9	Paulo AMARAL	Comarca	1984	4 years
20	Dominggus DA COSTA SOARES	Comarca	1986	2 years
1	Henrique FALCAO	Comarca	1987	1 yrs 6 mths
2	Carlos DA COSTA	Comarca	1985	3 years
3	Alexandre ROSHE	Comarca	1984	5 years
4	Jose FERNANDES	Comarca	1987	2 years
5	Marsal MAYA	Comarca	1985	4 yrs 6 mths
6	Jose RAMOS	Comarca	1986	3 years
7	Kandido BAGU	Comarca	1986	3 yrs 6 mths
8	Manuel Marsal SECEIRA	Comarca	1986	3 years
9	Miquel SOARES	Comarca	1985	4 years
30	Antonio XIMENES	Comarca	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
1	Oscar LEMOS	Comarca	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
2	Martinho GUTERRES	Comarca	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
3	Daniel Gomes BAPTISTA	Comarca	1985	2 years
4	Jose FREITAS	Comarca	1985	2 yrs 10 mths
5	Jaime SOARES	Comarca	1986	1 yr 6 mths
6	Joao Vai NAHAK	Comarca	1986	1 yr 6 mths
7	Jose Raul QUINTAO	Comarca	1986	1 yr 6 mths
8	Alexandre GOMES — Lib 5/10/84	Comarca	1985	3 years
9	Manuel ARAUJO — Lib 5/10/84	Comarca	1986	1 yr 4 mths
40	Domingos Bento Viegas	Comarca	1985	3 years
1	Domingos DA CRUZ	Comarca	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
2	Jose BELLO	Comarca	1985	2 yrs 10 mths
3	Paulo DA COSTA	Comarca	1986	1 year
4	Jacinto AMARAL	Comarca	1986	2 years
5	Rumaldo PEREIRA	Comarca	1987	1 yr 6 mths
6	Mateus PINTO	Comarca	1986	1 yr 8 mths
7	Manuel RICARDO DA C.	Comarca	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
8	Mateusa AMARAL	Comarca	1986	2 years
9	Manuel AGOSTINHO F.	Comarca	1985	3 years
50	Armando SEQUEIRA	Comarca	1986	2 years

51	Caitano ALVES	Comarca	1986	2 years
2	Egidio DE JESUS	Comarca	1987	1 yr 6 mths
3	Jeremias AMARAL	Comarca	1986	1 yr 6 mths
4	CALISTRO — Lib 5/10/87	Comarca	1987	1 year
5	JUSTINO da Costa Ribeiro Lib 5/10/87	Comarca	1987	1 year
6	Saturnino Da COSTA BELO	Comarca	1986	4 years
7	Augusto SOARES ATAIDE Lib 5/10/87	Comarca	1985	3 years
8	Raimiro DOS SANTOS	Comarca	1986	1 year
9	Martinho SOARES	Comarca	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
60	Carlito CARDOSO	Comarca	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
1	Jaunario LOPES	Comarca	1986	2 years
2	Fernando BELLO	Comarca	1986	1 yr 6 mths
3	Dominggus XIMENES	Comarca	1985	3 years
4	Thomas PINTO	Comarca	1986	1 yr 6 mths
5	Agusto SOARES ATAIDI	Comarca	1985	3 years
6	Matias OLIVEIRA	Comarca	1984	5 years
7	Joao Filisiaro SARIANO	Comarca	1984	5 years
8	Octavio Maria DE VIA	Comarca	1984	5 years
9	Afonso RANGEL	Comarca	1985	5 years
70	Mario SOARES — Lib 5/10/87	Comarca	1986	1 yr 6 mths
1	Alexio PEREIRA	Comarca	1987	7 years
2	Amaro SARMENTO	Comarca	1986	3 years
3	Adriano CORTERIAL	Comarca	1987	3 years
4	Gil FERNANDES	Becora	1985 —	7 years
5	Moises DA COSTA	Becora	1985	3 years
6	Antonio AMADO SOARES	Becora	1985 —	3 years
7	Sabino BARRETO	Becora	1985	4 yrs 6 ths
8	Joao Bosco ANICETO	Becora	1984	4 years
9	Marcelino SARMENTO	Becora	1986	2 years
80	Thomas SOARES	Becora	1986	1 yr 6 mths
1	Francisco FELICIANO X	Becora	1984	4 years
2	Salvador LURDES	Becora	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
3	Tito BARRETO	Becora	1985	3 years
4	CARLITO — Lib 5/10/87	Becora	2/1986	2 years
5	Rui MANUEL	Becora	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
6	Constantino DA COSTA	Becora	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
7	FUNU-KALE	Becora	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
8	Manuel GUSMAO GAIO Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1986	2 years
9	Alberto CONCEICAO Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1985	2 yrs 8 mths
90	Ancelmo de OLIVEIRA	Becora	1985	3 years
1	Octavio SOARES	Becora	1985	3 years
2	Francisco PEREIRA	Becora	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
3	Nicodemos SARMENTO	Becora	1985	3 years
4	Duarte MARCAL	Becora	1985	3 years
5	CRISTAVO	Becora	2/1986	2 yrs 6 mths
6	Rafael XAVIER Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1985	3 years
7	Gregorio ALMEIDA Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
8	Luis DE JESUS Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1985	3 years
9	Francisco MENDES Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1985	3 years
100	Pedro DA COSTA Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1985	3 years
1	Joao Ornai JERONIMO — Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1985	3 years
2	Abel DA SILVA — Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1985	3 years
3	Luis Dias SOARES — Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1985 —	2 years
4	Alberto DA SILVA — Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1985	3 years
5	Ernesto GOMES — Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1985	3 years
6	Felix DA COSTA — Lib 5/10/87	Becora	1985	3 years
7	Alexandre DOS SANTOS	Becora	1985	3 yrs 6 mths
8	Adelino PINTO	Becora	1985	2 yrs 6 mths

109	Manuel JAIME	Becora	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
110	Sebastiao SARMENTO	Becora	1985	3 years
1	Claudino PIEDADE	Becora	1985	3 years
2	Cipriano DE ARAUJO	Becora	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
3	NAHANIKU	Becora	1985	2 years
4	Joao DA SILVA	Becora	1985	3 years
5	Anastacio Jorge DA SILVA	Becora	1985	3 years
6	Joao CORTE REAL	Becora	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
7	Joaquim ALVES	Becora	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
8	Jorge Marques	Becora	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
9	Miguel DA SILVA	Becora	1985	3 years
120	Rogerio Algerio PINTO	Becora	1985	3 years
1	LEKILU	Becora	1985	2 years
2	Antonio DA COSTA	Becora	1985	3 years
3	Cristovao DA COSTA	Becora	1985	2 years
4	Luis DA SILVA	Becora	1985	2 yrs 10 mths
5	Marsalino DA COSTA	Becora	1984	3 years
6	Maria GUILHERMINA	Becora	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
7	Maria Teresina DE JESUS	Becora	1986	1 year
8	Carlota DA CONSECAO	Becora	1986	1 year
9	Dominggas Da CONSECAO	Becora	1986	1 year
130	Maria Fatima PINTO	Becora	1984	6 yrs 6 mths
1	Alcina DOS SANTOS	Becora	1987	1 yr 6 mths
2	Maria Amelia SOUSA	Becora	1985	2 yrs 6 mths
3	Rosa MENDOSA	Becora	1986	2 years
4	Juaquina NORATO	Becora	1987	3 years
5	Maria MACULADA	Becora	1984	5 years
6	Beatris Duarte ALBRTO.	Becora	1984	5 years